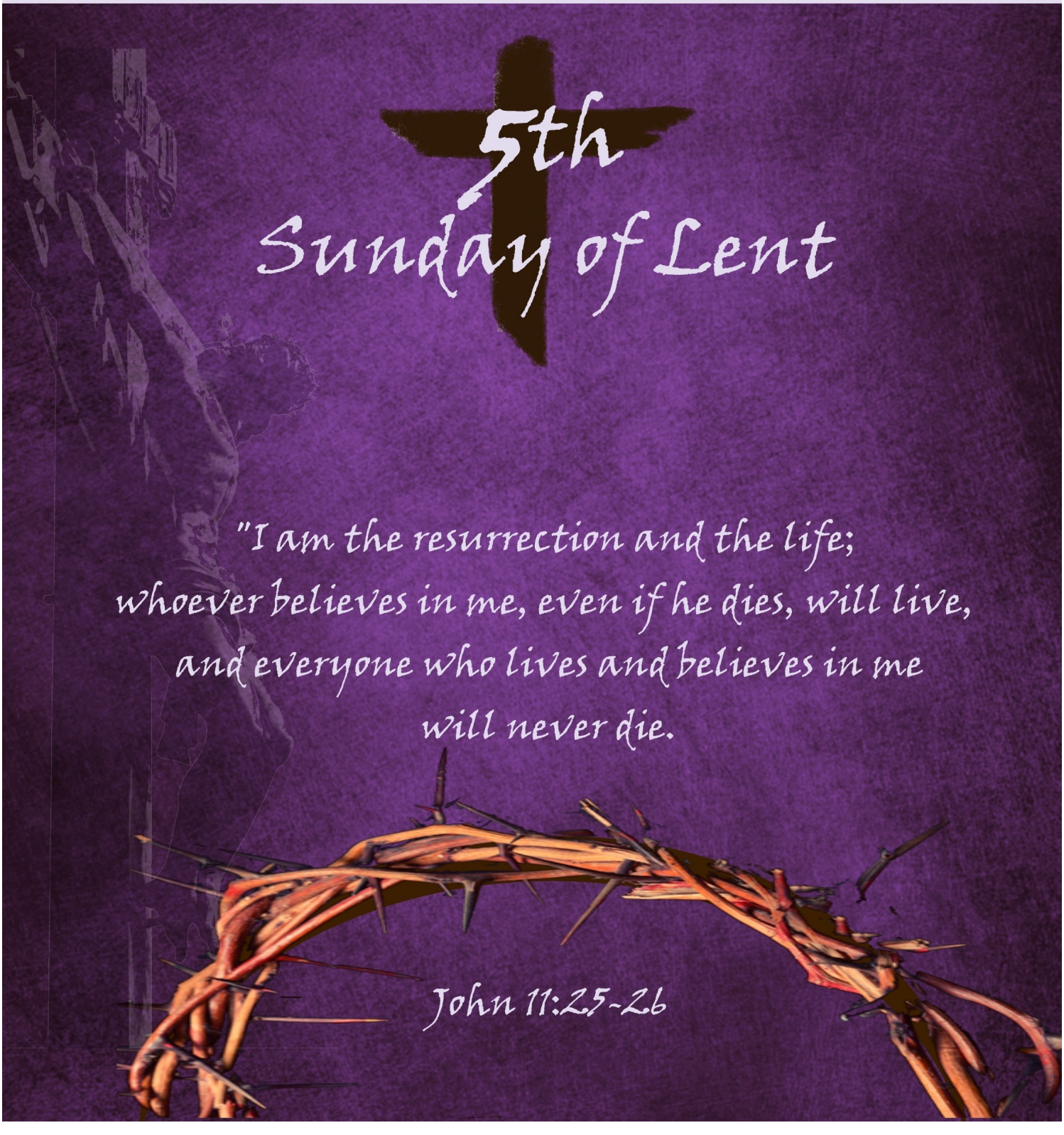
Catholic Parishes of Millbury

St. Brigid & Our Lady of the Assumption


5th
Sunday of Lent
"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
will never die.
John 11:25-26

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Offices Are Located At:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101
Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657
St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org
Check our websites for individual email addresses.

Mass Times

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street
Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street
Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM (June - Sept.)
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:30 AM (Oct. - May)

Pastoral & Administrative Staff

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*
Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager
Safe Env. Coordinator
Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry
Claudette Belair, *Music Director*
Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry
Monica Hamilton McCarthy, *Bulletin & Web Editor**
*Bulletin items must be emailed to catholicparishesofmillbury@gmail.com or monica.hamilton@stbrigidparish.org in the body of the email, or as an attached Word document. Deadline is noon the preceding Thursday. We prioritize parish and local events, space is limited so items may only appear once, and are run on a first-come, first served basis. For ad space, call Pilot Bulletins at 617.779.3771. Monica is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*
Melissa Turner, *Administrative Assistant, Cantor*

Sacraments of the Church

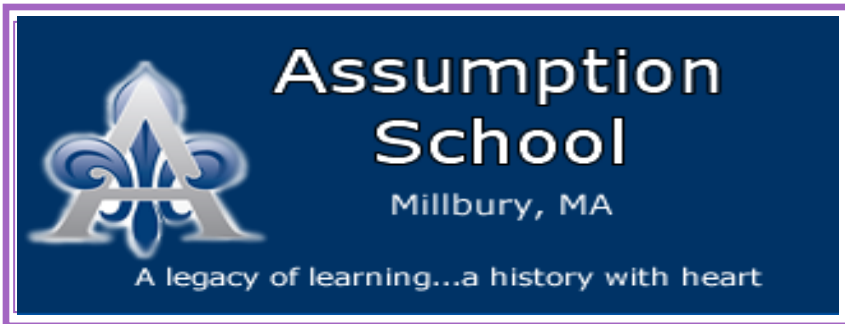
Reconciliation/Confession
Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism
Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month.
For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Marriage
Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls
Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

How to Reach Us
Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3 PM, with a half-hour lunch break beginning at 12:30 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.



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Millbury, MA 01527
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Mass Intentions

Sat., Mar. 28
4:00 PM **Anna Sullivan (30th Anniversary)**
By: Sue Chausse

Sun., Mar. 29
7:00 AM **Tom Mazzeo**
By: Deacon Ron & Kathy
9:00 AM **Diane Liljestrand**
By: Aline Bourdeau
11:30 AM **Robert LaLiberte**
By: His Wife & Son

Mon., Mar. 30
9:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury**

Tues., Mar. 31
7:00 AM **All Souls**

Wed., April 1
7:00 AM **James W. Megley, Jr.**
By: John & Lucille Lupien

Thurs. April 2
9:00 AM **Roland Bazin**
By: Aline Bourdeau

Sat., April 4
4:00 PM **Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr. (4th Anniversary)**
By: His Family

Sun., April 5
7:00 AM **Ruth Gonsorcik (3rd Anniversary)**
By: The Family
9:00 AM **Tan Le (12th Anniversary)**
By: The Family
11:30 AM **Lorraine Lavine**
By: Norma and Stephen Laliberte

(N.B. Mass Intentions are handwritten in the official Daily Mass Record Book. Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

Please Note: Although all Liturgical gatherings have been suspended, Fr. Dan will still celebrate all scheduled Masses for your scheduled Mass intentions. See Page 4 for more information.

The Rosary has been suspended until further notice. Sign up for Flocknotes and watch this space for updates.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

All public Masses have been suspended at this time. The ministry schedule will return as soon as Masses can be celebrated again.

flocknote

Flocknote is our parish communication tool we have put in place to help keep parishioners informed and up-to-date on parish life, announcements, weather cancelations, etc. It is especially useful now to learn about how COVID-19 closings are affecting our parish. You can choose to receive text message and/or email notifications. Visit our Flocknote page to sign up:

millburycatholic.flocknote.com

Scripture for the week of March 29, 2020

29	SUN	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
30	Mon	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
31	Tue	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
1	Wed	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
2	Thu	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
3	Fri	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
4	Sat	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Lenten Schedule
Event Changes and Cancelations

At this point, all Special Lenten Events are Canceled, including the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Tentative remaining dates are listed below. Stay tuned for updates.

Thursday, April 9: Holy Thursday Masses will be celebrated at 1:30 PM @ Assumption and at 7:30 PM @ St. Brigid.
Friday April 10: Good Friday Services will be held at 3 PM at Assumption Church,.
Saturday, April 11: The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM @ Assumption Church.
Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday Masses are their regularly scheduled times Sunday, April 12. Happy Easter!

Lent Continues and Concludes Easter Weekend, Saturday, April 11 & Sunday, April 12.
DIOCESE OF WORCESTER REGULATIONS AND LITURGICAL NOTES FOR LENT 2020
1. GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: • Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. • Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. • Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Sanctuary Candles Burning Mar. 28-April 3

Our Lady of the Assumption

In Loving Memory of
William Russell
Requested by: His Wife Carol & Family

Office Closings and Mass Intentions

Our staff will be available during regular business hours via phone and email, but offices will be closed to the public until further notice. Although Liturgical gatherings have been suspended, Fr. Dan will still celebrate all scheduled Masses for your intentions, and one weekly Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook. Normal Confession times and the Rosary have been suspended at this time. The churches will remain OPEN during the day from 7 AM-3 PM for personal prayer, via the front center doors, and there you can pick up a weekly bulletin. Keep an eye out for Flocknotes about individual event details and Mass and event streaming information. See page 3 for Flocknote signups.

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**
Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**
Andrew Hafferty

Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request.

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the souls of **Yvette Powell** and **Maureen Lavallee** who have gone home to God. May they rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER : Prayer Line 508-865-5373
If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Maryann Auger
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
F. Joseph and Mary Brady
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.

Kathleen M. DeCillis
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty A. Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Patricia Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Joseph V. Kane

Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Robert P. LaCrosse, Sr.
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
Charles F. O'Connor, Jr.
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Richard P. Raymond
Virginia Richnick
Stephen Rodwill

Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Albert & June Russo
Bob & Rita Shea
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Margaret Wendt
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Duane & Dolores Wunn
Frank J. Yaz

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

This Week

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 28
No Events

SUNDAY ~ MARCH 29
SLAA @ CPO 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ MARCH 30
AA @ SBH 7 PM
GA @ OLAH 8-9:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ MARCH 31
Holy Hour@ SBC 6-7 PM
OA @ SBH 6:30-8 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ APRIL 1
No Events

THURSDAY ~ APRIL 2
Rosary @ CPO 6 PM
Girl Scouts @ OLAH 6-7:30 PM
Cub Scouts @ SBH 6-8 PM

FRIDAY ~ APRIL 3
Millbury Women's Club @ SBH 9 AM-4:30 PM

SATURDAY ~ APRIL 4
No Events

SUNDAY ~ APRIL 5
SVDP Food Drive @ SBH Parking Lot 12:15 PM
SLAA @ CPO 7:30 PM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS=Assumption School

April Rosary Makers & Prayer Shawl Cancelation
The scheduled April 1 meetings are canceled.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS
3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION
Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST
THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Paper Goods, Snacks

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP
Mon.-Sat.: 9AM-4PM, 507 Park Ave., Worcester (508) 752-4232

My dear friends in Christ,

As we confront almost hourly reports about rising cases of Coronavirus, additional measures to restrict exposures to the threat of this insidious virus, and concerns about our own health and the wellbeing of our loved ones, we can become very anxious. Yet we are a people of hope, grounded in the faith that God is always with us. As your bishop, I write to you in these troubling times to remind you of this unshakeable tenet of our Catholic faith. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, in his encyclical *Spe Salvi (Saved by Hope)* stressed how the virtue of hope is critical for anyone who encounters suffering: "[T]he present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey" *(Spe Salvi 1).* What is that goal for us today? I propose our first goal is to maintain a courageous spirit of optimism and perseverance during this health crisis. We are responsible for being good stewards of our bodies and for following the advice of medical professionals to minimize risk. By virtue of our baptism we are also called as good citizens to care for others in need, in good times and in bad.

In *Spe Salvi,* Benedict XVI noted that "It is not science that redeems man: Man is redeemed by love. This applies even in terms of this present world. . . . The human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" *(Rom. 8:38-39). (SS26)*

As people of faith, let us not lose sight of the fact that our ultimate goal is life eternal, to one day enjoy God's life and love eternally. That love is experienced even in this life when we are cared for in times of sickness with compassion, and we in turn become agents of God's love when we help others in need. So what can we do? I suggest we consider three things: **Pray**, **Listen and Respond**.

Pray the Prayer *In Time of Pandemic* which we are sharing through our parishes and institutions. Why? Prayer will ground us in the realization that, first, we are not alone. Even when seemingly no one else hears us in our pleas, God always hears us. It reminds us that the truly important things in life are bigger than we are and we must set aside our pride to focus on what is truly important in life.

Listen and Respond. Our faith reminds us that grace builds on nature. If we are attentive to the instructions of those around us we will be given the grace to respond. Hence, we must be attentive to the advice of healthcare professionals to protect ourselves but we must also be attentive to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of others. Pope Francis has observed that his greatest concern regarding how this crisis is unfolding in Italy is that of isolation. Feeling alone and feeling abandoned engender fear, not hope. Are young and elderly family members scared or at risk and need our assurances and help? Are neighbors alone and in need of wellness checks so as to not feel abandoned?

As baptized members of the Body of Christ, we also have a responsibility to the greater community of faith. In the weeks ahead, our faith life may be greatly challenged by not being able to attend Mass. We will have to fast from the very sustenance for which our souls yearn during this Lent, the Holy Eucharist. Again I stress - do not lose hope. As your parishes communicate with you, I hope they will remind you that you can at least pray together with the Catholic community in our diocese through our Sunday and Daily Masses on the internet and on Spectrum (Charter) Channel 193. You may also have access to the Mass on Catholic TV from Boston if you are on a different cable company

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STEWARDSHIP

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
March 29—Debt
April 5—Debt

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Income
Weekend of March 14 & 15

Regular Weekly Collection	$4,578.00
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$590.00
Electronic Giving (Mar. 12-19, 2020)	$1,030.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$6,198.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt *(incl. online when appl.)*	$200.00
Specialty Ministries *(incl. online when appl.)*	$871.00
Utilities *(incl. online when applicable)*	$427.00
Mass Stipends	$50.00
Hall Rental	$150.00
Funerals	$600.00
In Remembrance	$100.00
SVDP *(incl. online when applicable)*	$0.00
Easter Flowers	$145.00
Easter	$200.00
Mustard Seed Reimbursement	$11.00
Mustard Seed	$5.00
Catholic Free Press	$39.00
Total Other Income	**$2,798.00**
Total Income	**$8,996.00**

Thank you for your continued support of The Catholic Parishes of Millbury! Although the Parish Offices are closed to the public, parishioners who would like to drop off their envelopes while Masses are suspended may drop them off or mail them to the offices at 59 Main Street, Millbury. Visit stbrigidparish.org and click the Online Giving button to set up electronic giving. If you missed the Flocknote message, see page 10 for Fr. Dan's Stewardship letter.

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Cash Flow
March 4-18, 2020

Payroll (*week ending 3/14)*	$2,493.92
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fees)*	$66.05
Payroll Taxes	$888.13
Credit Card Fees (*Office Supplies*)	$120.86
Christian Brothers (*Health Insurance*)	$4,004.88
Organist Substitute (*Funeral*)	$300.00
Laurence Candle (*Altar*)	$216.05
RC Bishop of Worcester (*Dental Insurance*)	$188.00
RC Bishop of Worcester (*403B Pensions*)	$370.36
Verizon	$216.82
W.B. Mason (*Supplies*)	$188.98
Sisters of the Assumption (*Stipend*)	$440.00
St. Brigid (*Monthly Reimbursement*)	$3,811.91
Total Monies Paid	**$13,305.96**

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or satellite TV. You can make a Spiritual Communion as you spiritually prepare for the day, God willing, when you can return to the Banquet of the Lord at Easter.

As members of the Diocese of Worcester, I also implore you not to lose sight of how we are serving so many people in need every day through our parish ministries and our diocesan agencies. Your call to be good stewards through the parish offertory is needed now as much as ever, as well as your continued support for the annual Partners in Charity Appeal, which is a lifeline for diocesan-wide service to thousands of people who are physically and spiritually in need. However, in light of these difficult times, I have suspended the activities of our diocesan capital campaign, Legacy of Hope, until these difficult times are behind us, in order to stay focused on addressing present needs. I encourage you to take advantage of online giving portals for your parish and Partners in Charity or simply continue to support your offertory by mail. In closing, I ask that you join me in the following Prayer in Time of Pandemic and that you do so every day until this health crisis has passed.

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always.
Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God protect you and your loved ones through this time of trial.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Partners in Charity DIOCESE of WORCESTER

Partners in Charity 2020 goals are: **St. Brigid: $60,000;** and **Our Lady of the Assumption: $20,000.** Thank you!

Phone Scam Alert:

We were informed a few donors to Partners in Charity are receiving calls for gifts of support for the *Bishops' Fund*. A wise donor knowing our appeal is no longer identified as the *Bishops' Fund* reported this to our office (thank you!). Please know our office does not solicit gifts of support for Partners in Charity over the phone; gifts are solicited by mail, online, or through the parish. As we are all aware we are experiencing an unprecedented global event. The outbreak of COVID-19 has caused apprehension globally, ultimately resulting in the suspension of all public celebrations of Mass in the Diocese of Worcester, travel bans, panic buying, school closings, and financial market turmoil. Scammers, too, have taken notice. Emergencies offer opportunities for con artists to launch fraudulent campaigns that feed off, and cash in on, the climate of concern. Scammers have wasted no time in playing on people's fears or evoking feelings of compassion. If parishioners have received any of these calls please let us know. Wishing you our sincere appreciation and prayers during this very difficult time.

Faith Facts & Fun Activities

Saint of the Week

St. Isidore of Seville
560 – April 4, 636
Feast Day, April 4

This bishop's extensive writings influenced church thinking for a millennium. As bishop of Seville, Spain, from about 600 until his death, he presided over two councils, promoted acceptance of the "filioque" clause of the Creed, and battled the Arian heresy. He wrote a history of the barbarian invasions of Spain and compiled in "The Etymologiae" all that was known in his time. Nearing death, he gave away everything he had, confessed his faults to his people in church, and received Communion. Pope John XXIII admired his ideas about the ideal bishop, notably that "Every bishop should be distinguished as much by his humility as by his authority." A Doctor of the Church, Isidore is the patron saint of computer users. ❖

TRUE or FALSE ?

1. God said to Ezekiel, "I will open your graves and have you rise from them.
2. God said, "I will put my spirit in you that you may live."
3. With the Lord their is neither mercy nor fullness of redemption.
4. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
5. The Law is the resurrection and the life.
6. The brothers of Lazarus sent word to Jesus.
7. After hearing that Lazarus was sick, Jesus stayed where he was for two days.
8. Lazarus was buried in Jerusalem.
9. Lazarus was in the tomb for four days.
10. The tomb was a cave.

ANSWERS 1 true, 2 true, 3 false, 4 true, 5 false, 6 false, 7 true, 8 false, 9 true, 10 true.

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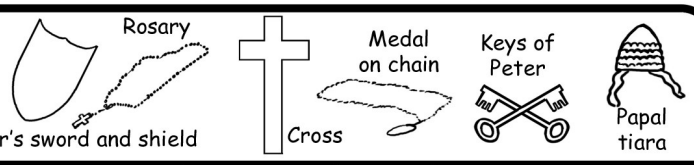
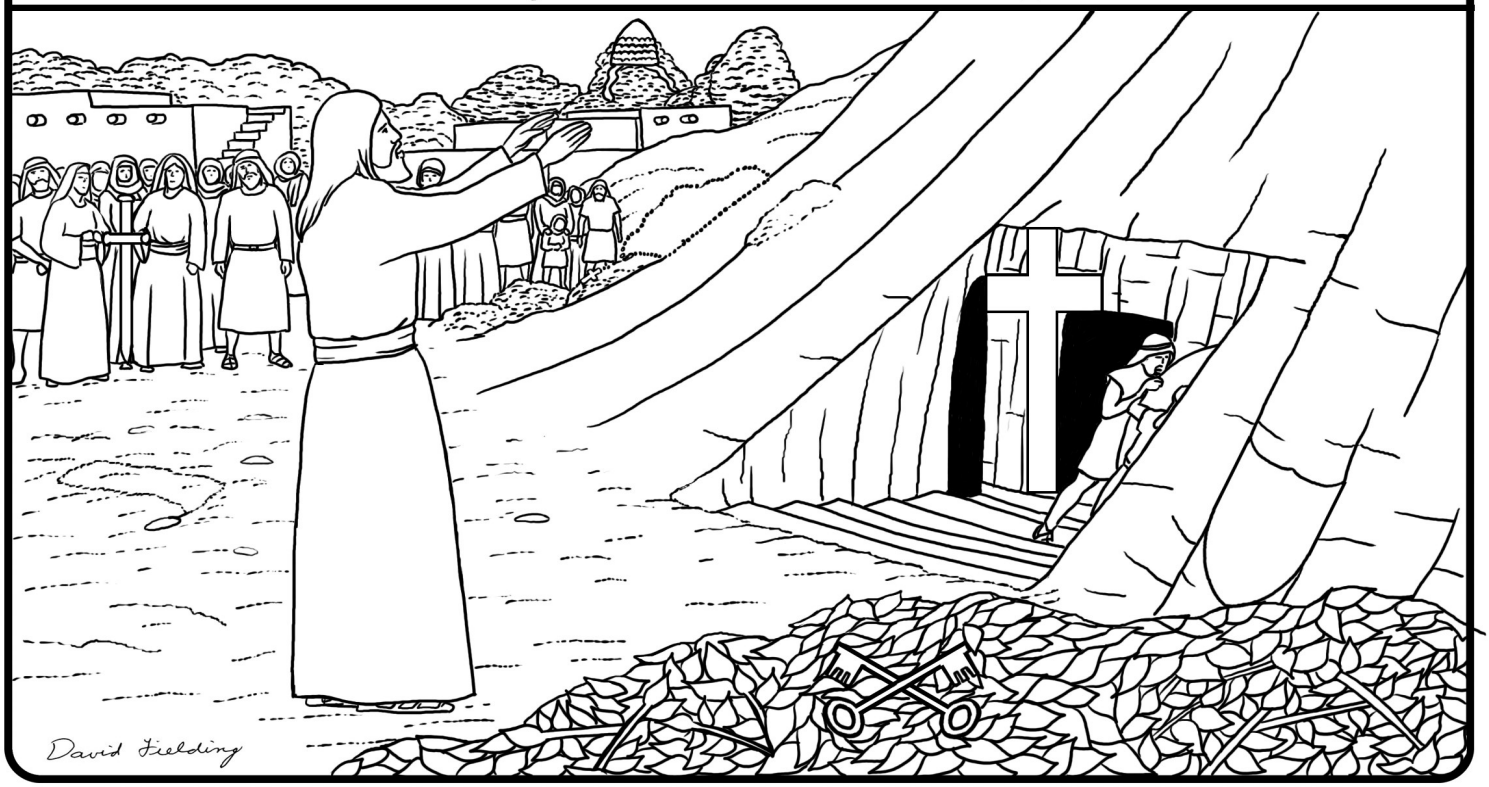
PICTURE PUZZLE

THE READING:
JOHN 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-34

THESE ITEMS ARE HIDDEN IN THE PICTURE. CAN YOU FIND THEM?





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YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

CSAW 2020

July 27 - 31

Open to Youth Currently in Grades 8-12

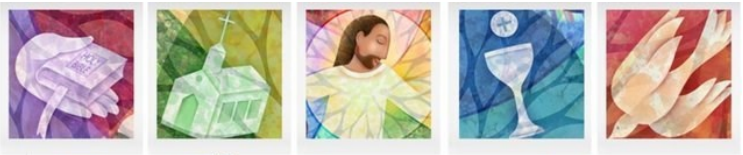
$100 Deposit Due April 1st

Christian Servants at Work (aka CSAW) is a 5 day 4 night service learning program for high school age teens. Last year 48 young people from our community participated. It is a great week of serving the Lord and having fun while doing it. Information nights for prospective new participants and parents will be announced soon! To register for CSAW or for more information, please contact: Greg Bernard at greg.bernard@stbrigidparish.org

Grade 2 Questions of the Week

Mass Question: What does the word Gospel mean?

Class Question: What is the first commandment and how many are there?



Faith Formation

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Grade 2	March 15 [illegible] 10:[illegible] [illegible]AM
Grade [illegible]	[illegible] 5 0[illegible] [illegible]20AM
[illegible] 4 Only Rec[illegible]liation Preparation	March 15 & 22 10:00-11:20AM
Grades 5 & 6	March 23 6:00 - 7:30PM
Grades 7 & 8	March 15 6:00-7:30PM
Grade 9 & 10	March 22 6:00-7:30PM

POSTPONED

CLOSE TO HOME!

CSAW & PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Last summer two of our CSAW small groups volunteered at Mercy Centre and Pernet Family Health Services. Mercy Centre, a Catholic Charities organization, serves over one hundred adults with developmental disabilities ages eighteen and over in four different programs from the Worcester County extended area. Each program fosters growth in building self-esteem, independence, communication skills and encourages interactions with peers and community members. Pernet Family Health Services, a certified home health agency, targets social isolation, lack of resources to meet basic needs, housing instability, risk of abuse and neglect, exposure to violence, risk of developmental delay and school failure, and barriers to access to community services. Pernet and Mercy Centre both receive financial assistance through Partners in Charity!

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Grade 5 at Nature's Classroom

Ms. Loughlin and the 5th Grade Class of Assumption School spent a week at Nature's Classroom in Charlton. They brought home many exciting stories about their wonderful adventure. What a great experience it was for all of them!

K of C Scholarship

Greetings from the Knights of Columbus. It is time again for The Alfred Weldon Annual Scholarship.

This year we will once again be offering four scholarships, with one change being made. Because of the success of our Scholarship Golf Tournament, we are able to increase the amount for the College scholarship. So the Scholarship amounts are as follows.

K-6……$500
Grade 7-9……$500
Grade 10-12……..$500
College……$1,000

Applications will be available March 29th in all three Parishes and at Assumption School. All applications must be in by June 1st and will be awarded on June 17th.

Best of luck to all participants,
Peace be with you all,

Gary Pothier, GK
Bishop Bernard Flanagan, Council 12710

Diocesan Cemeteries Update

The cemeteries in the St. John's Cemetery System, including St. Brigid Cemetery, have begun their spring cleanups. If you have not already done so, please remove any winter baskets, wreaths and decorations to get ready for spring plantings. Visit worcesterdiocese.org, Departments, St. John's Cemetery System or call 508.757.7415 for updates.

English tutors wanted

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester has been providing English language skills to help people thrive since 1973. We offer free, flexible, confidential, and individualized one-to-one tutoring for adults learning to speak English as well as adults developing basic literacy skills. In recent years, the demand for our English services has continued to grow. With over 100 students waiting for a volunteer tutor, we are calling on you to dedicate up to two hours a week to change someone's life. If you are over 18, have at least a high school diploma, and speak English proficiently, you can learn to tutor someone who is learning English. We provide a free, 18-hour training before matching you with a student, and we provide ongoing support and workshops to help you become the best tutor you can be! For more information and to apply, please visit www.lvgw.org or call us at 508-754-8056.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

A Letter from the Pastor

The Catholic Parishes of Millbury

St. Brigid Parish & Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

March 17, 2020

My Fellow Parishioners,

During this challenging time in our world, we turn to the Lord for His strength and guidance. It is my prayer that you and your loved ones are, and continue to remain, well.

With yesterday's announcement from Bishop McManus to suspend public Mass until further notice, we are left with many concerns, not the least of which would be our fiscal responsibilities. I am reaching out today asking you to consider the importance of your ongoing stewardship to our parishes and to our wider diocesan family. Our ability to pay utilities, salaries, and the like, is largely dependent upon our weekly stewardship offering. In addition, the support of the Diocesan Partners in Charity outreach going on now allows the people of our Worcester Diocese to reach out in love, care, and charity to the least of our bothers and sisters in our midst.

We would like to suggest a few options for you to continue your stewardship even in the absence of public Masses:

- **Online Giving** - It's easy and secure. You can give a set weekly or monthly amount and specify which day of the week to coordinate with your payday. If you would like to set up your own online giving account, please visit www.osvonlinegiving.com/1688
- **Drop Off** at Parish Office - Feel free stop by 59 Main St. Though the office is currently closed for public business, you can leave your contributions inside the front porch in the "incoming mail" box. If you have cash, please do not leave on the porch. Call the office to schedule a time to drop it off.
- **Mail** - As always, you are welcome to mail your contributions to the parish offices at 59 Main St., Millbury, 01527.
- **Partners in Charity Pledges and Returns** - Envelopes will be available on the back shelves in both parishes. Your pledges may be mailed directly to Partners in Charity, 49 Elm St. Worcester, MA 01609. You can also mail to or drop off your pledge at the parish office.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and faithful stewardship during these challenging times.

Be well. Be good. God bless you and yours!

Fr. Dan

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